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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Agreement At Last

GENERAL satisfaction will be felt in the free world over the agreement reached in Paris by the six European Army nations on Germany's contribution to the defence of Western Europe. Fifteen months of difficult negotiations, marked by mutual suspicions and recriminations, have not provided an edifying spectacle, and those who wondered if the European nations were able or willing to cast off their antagonisms and combine in self-defence measures could be forgiven their oft-expressed doubts. All outstanding differences between the six nations have been resolved and the only two unsettled questions—the duration of the European Army Treaty which is to be signed and the rights of European Army troops when stationed abroad—are not expected to present any difficulties when they are discussed today. Though the imminent signing of the European Army Treaty is now assured, the agreement requires ratification. The international situation generally demands that considerably more speed be shown in this process than has been demonstrated in the shamefully drawn-out treaty negotiations.

PARALLEL with the European Army negotiations are the discussions at Bonn between the Big Three Western powers and the Allied German representatives. These talks have virtually reached a conclusion, and signature of the contractual agreements, granting Western Germany virtual independence, is expected next week. The two agreements will align the policy of the Bonn Government with that of the West; they also serve as a reminder, if one were needed, that the Russian tactics of intimidation over Germany have failed. Whether, as has been suggested, the new agreements will result in Russia denouncing the Potsdam Agreement coupled with a demand for Western evacuation of Berlin, remains to be seen. The Western Powers, however, must be ready to meet new provocative, perhaps perilous, Russian tactics, at the same time having as their supreme aim, the eventual unification of Germany as a free, Democratic State.

One Step Nearer European Unity

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON THE "EDEN PLAN" Conference At Strasbourg

Strasbourg, May 22.

European unity took another step forward in Strasbourg tonight. Ministers of 15 nations reached tentative agreement on the next stage of what has been called the "Eden Plan."

The Plan proposes that the Strasbourg Assembly—members of Parliament from most nations of Free Europe—should be linked with the European army and the coal-steel pool. The main objection has come from neutral Sweden.

Meeting in the glass and concrete headquarters of the Council of Europe, the Ministers gave a cautious blessing to the principle of the scheme, but decided to make no formal statement until Friday. It was believed tonight they would place Mr Eden's proposals before the six countries participating in the army and coal-steel pool, and also ask the Assembly itself to vote on them.

The Turkish representative today put forward a resolution supporting the British plan, which the Committee of Ministers agreed to accept as a basis. They appointed a sub-committee which will meet on Friday morning to put this decision into formal wording.

The Turkish amendment to the plan proposed that the six nations of the European army and the Schuman Plan and the Consultative Assembly should all be linked to give their views of the British proposal and give it their co-operation.

Mr Eden told his colleagues that the essence of the British plan was that the Council of Europe should make certain facilities available to the European community.

The 15-nation body, composed of most of the countries on the "Western" side of the Iron Curtain, has reached the crux of its three years of attempts to unite non-Communist Europe.

The Ministers' aim is to find some useful work for the 132-member Parliament, due to open their next session on Monday. So far the governments have failed to agree on giving the Assembly any other power beyond that of the right to make speeches.

The basis of today's talk was the "Eden plan"—a proposal by the British Foreign Secretary to link the Strasbourg body with two schemes for European unification: the Schuman coal and steel pool and the European Defence Community.

Mr Eden went into the meeting prepared to give a full account of his plan. Both the coal pool and the army pool cover six of the nations in the Strasbourg Council—France, Germany, Italy and Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Discussions among the Ministers today were expected to range round the objections on points of detail which the plan is thought to have aroused.

On the one hand, Sweden is believed to view with suspicion any scheme which would give the Council of Europe any say in the matters of defence.

Sweden, following a policy of neutrality, only joined the Assembly on the understanding that defence would not be mentioned.

It was believed in Strasbourg tonight that these objections would be overcome by a decision to "wait and see."

The European defence treaty is a long way from being put into operation, and in the meantime the plan can go ahead with the coal-steel pool.

There is a strong body of opinion in the Assembly itself that the Eden plan does not go far enough in integrating the political structure of Europe. They regard the Eden scheme as a poor substitute for the close federation they want.

While this feeling was not expected to be a serious hindrance to agreement by the Ministers, they would be bound to take account of the reception which the plan will get when it goes before the Assembly next week.

Leaders of the European Movement, the unofficial body which is pressing for quick action, have been conferring in Luxembourg on the tactics they will follow when the Assembly opens on Monday.

It seems that M. Paul-Henri Spaak (Belgium), who resigned the Chair of the Assembly last December, is likely to take a strictly realistic view of its chances of re-forming the present set-up.

According to his friends here, Mr Spaak will urge the Assembly to stop wasting time over its own organisation, and leave such talk to those members who are willing to co-operate.

This attitude would lead to separate meetings of the delegates of the Assembly from the six "Federal" nations for whom Mr Spaak proposes to work out a provisional Constitution.

universities in another member country of the Council of Europe. Conference quarters here do not exclude the possibility that the German delegation, headed by the Secretary of State Mr Walter Hallstein, would object to the convention being signed by the representative of the Saar.—Reuter.

GERMAN TREATY Bonn, May 22.—The West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, and the Allied High Commissioners tonight reached full agreement on the 400-page treaty system which will end the present Occupation regime and bring Western Germany into European defence.

Dr Adenauer announced that they cleared up the outstanding question of the division of Western Germany's financial contribution between the German forces in the European Defence Community and the upkeep of Allied troops in Germany.

"Dr Adenauer, beaming visibly, said after the last meeting tonight—the 33rd in nine months—"We have reached complete general agreement on the financial division."

The agreement was being put on paper by experts and would be submitted to all four negotiators on Friday.

No further meeting would be required, he said. It had originally been said that the Chancellor and the High Commissioners would have to leave this tricky point over to the Foreign Ministers, who arrive in Bonn on Friday.

The only points now left for the Foreign Ministers' decision, according to Chancellor Adenauer, were:

1. The position of French and Belgian troops in Germany after the end of the Occupation.

2. The possibility of putting certain parts of the treaty system into operation before ratification is completed.

3. Giving the treaty system a name plus a few lesser points described by Dr Adenauer as "trivialities".—Reuter.

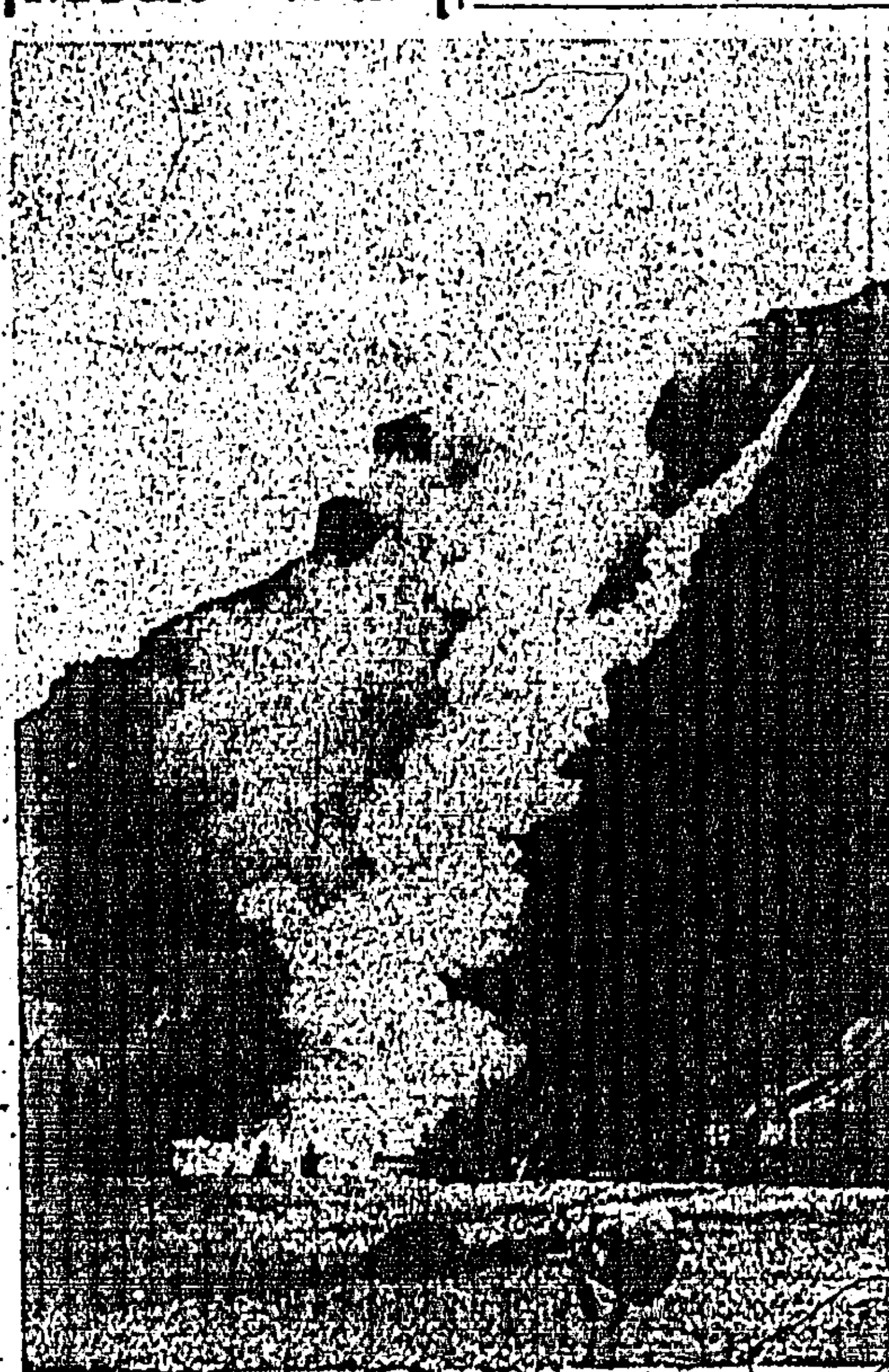
OPPOSITION BOYCOTT Bonn, May 22.—Opposition Parties will boycott the expected signing on Monday of the treaty ending the Occupation of West Germany, the party's Press Chief, Fritz Heine, said tonight.

He told Reuter no Social Democrat would attend the signing ceremony, nor even Heinrich Kopf, the Social Democrat President of the Bundestag (upper house), where the signing ceremony is due to take place.

He said Kopf had assured him of this in a telephone conversation from Hanover, where he lives.—Reuter.

Injured RAF Sgt Improving The condition of Sgt Walters, of the RAF, who was found in the bathroom of his room in the Prince Hotel, Kowloon, last evening with severe wounds in his throat, wrist and abdomen, apparently caused by a knife, was said to be improving this morning, when enquiries were made. He is under treatment at Kowloon Hospital.

Realistic Mock War



Mortars fire rope ladders to the top of the cliffs ready for scaling by Royal Marine Commandos in Exercise Runaround, held at Culver Cliff in the Isle of Wight. More than 800 servicemen took part in this exercise—the biggest amphibious and cliff assault demonstration since the war.—London Express.

US Soldier Sentenced To Death

Murdered Germans

Nuremberg, May 22.—A US Army Court Martial on Thursday sentenced a 19-year-old American soldier to death for the highway murder of two Germans.

Pvt. John F. Vignault of Goffs Falls, N.H., described by the defence as a temperamental child, too backward even to be allowed at target practice with his fellow GIs.

He broke into sobs after he was led from the court room. Vignault is believed to be the first American to be sentenced to death for killing a German since the end of the war.

Although the 10-officer court did not specify the usual army method of carrying out the death sentence is on the gallows. As in all military court cases, however, the sentence is subject to review by higher authorities and confirmation by the President of the United States.

The two murdered Germans were Karl Eckart, a business man and Lothar Schloesser, 20.

They were shot to death with an army carbine early in the morning of April 19 after drinking beer at a tavern with Vignault and another soldier.

Many Germans listened silently as the sentence was read. Many of them were neighbours and friends of Schloesser.—Associated Press.

Police Ready For Reds

Paris, May 22.—Paris today alerted 15,000 riot police under orders to smash any violence in mass demonstration against General Matthew B. Ridgway, new Allied Supreme Commander in Europe, called for tomorrow by the Communists.

Koje POWs Set Up Own Guards

Preventing Captives From Escaping

Koje Island, May 22.—Defiant Communist prisoners of war posted their own guards inside turbulent Kojé compounds today, apparently to prevent pro-Allied fellow captives from escaping.

The hard core of incorrigible Reds, wearing uniforms and arm-bands but without weapons, stood at posts 50 feet apart in notorious Compound 78 where more than 6,000 Communist-held Brigadier-General Francis Dodd hostage for 78 hours.

Unconfirmed reports said that the Communist sentries grabbed one prisoner who tried to escape this evening.

The Reds appeared determined that none of their fellow prisoners who have become anti-Communists, would escape to the outside and pass on information to Allied prison officials.

United Nations authorities said that the Red leaders were concerned over possible escapes because their Communist right plans and the details of their prisoner organisation set-up might fall into Allied hands.

Any escape also would weaken the strict discipline under which the Red leaders keep their fellow prisoners.

United Nations officers and guards indicated that they would welcome the escape of any prisoner elements friendly to the Allies.

The presence of the Red sentries was first noted when the Eighth Army Commander, General James Van Fleet, visited Kojé Island today.—United Press.

Nationwide Search For Mail Thieves

Scotland Yard Has Three Clues

London, May 22.—The Postmaster-General, Earl de la Warr, told the House of Lords today that £200,000 was involved in yesterday's ambush of a Post Office van in a London street by seven masked and armed raiders.

But it is reported that £100,000 was still in the van when it was found abandoned.

A reward of £14,500 has been offered for information leading to the recovery of the stolen money.

Meanwhile, the Police mobilised throughout Britain today in a man-hunt for the seven masked bandits.

They ambushed the van in Central London, attacked its three Post Office personnel and drove off with the van.

The Police met in a conference at Scotland Yard and considered a plan to arm Post Office employees with a weapon—a fire-arm—which, it is understood, would hurt attackers in a range of between 15 and 18 feet. It is already carried by security officers in charge of large sums of money taken to London banks.

COMB UNDERWORLD

Today, Scotland Yard's Flying Squad combed London's underworld searching for clues.

They seek a link between the gang and a Post Office informer who may have helped time the raid.

As they searched, reports came that three bags of registered parcels had been tampered with aboard a mail train from London to Manchester.

Further details were not known immediately.

In the House of Lords today, Earl de la Warr related similar reports that the haul in the London van robbery included £45,000 in jewellery. He also revealed that an alarm bell in the van had been tampered with.

The Police believe that yesterday's raid may have been carried out by the same gang which last week robbed a locked mail department of a train and stole £11,000.

Defectives have three new clothes—a raincoat, a pair of steel cutters and a wooden Police-style truncheon.

The raincoat bears a cleaner's number stencilled in black.—Reuter.

Police Hunt For Stolen Poisons

After all night efforts, Glasgow police are still trying today to find a box containing eight ounces of potassium cyanide, enough to kill 200 people.

With two coats, the box was stolen from a parked car. One sniff from the box could prove fatal.—Reuter.

Briton's 4½ Years In Soviet Gaol

Bad Oynhausen, May 22.

A British soldier, Denis Eggleston, 23, who said the Russians gaoled him for four and a half years after he left his regiment in October 1947, was sentenced by a court martial here today to 147 days' detention for absence without leave.

Among those giving evidence in his favour was an East German girl, Anneliese Falk, who helped Eggleston to escape from an East German work party and is now engaged to him.

She told the court: "If the escape attempt had failed I would have gone to prison for 25 years and my fiancé would have gone for good."

Eggleston said six and a half months of his imprisonment was in solitary confinement. He was half starved and "some of my companions went nearly mad in gaol," he said.

Eggleston was originally charged with desertion, but the court convicted him on the lesser charge of absence without leave and counted only the period from February 13 this year, when he was released from his East German prison, to April 16, when he gave himself up to British military authorities in West Berlin.

In his final speech, defending officer Major G. Budham pleaded that Eggleston was "temporarily unsuited to serve in a peacetime army" and he asked the court to take into account his four and a half years in gaol in circumstances where other men went mad.—Reuter.

Cripps Memorial Service

London, May 22.—Scores of British and foreign statesmen, including representatives from India, were among the 1,500 people who attended a service at Westminster Abbey today in memory of Sir Stafford Cripps, former British Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Sir Stafford died in Zurich on April 21.

Queen Elizabeth II was represented and among those who attended were Prime Minister Winston Churchill and leader of the Opposition Clement Attlee.—Reuter.



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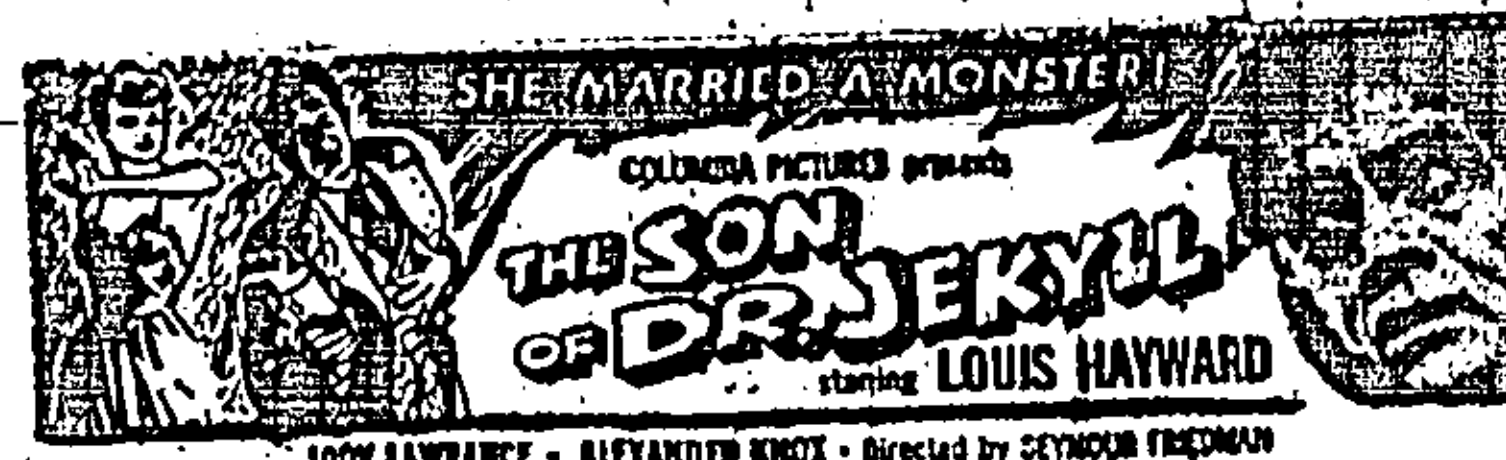
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JAPANESE STAR IN FRANCE



Actress Michiko Sunhara, member of the Japanese delegation, sings at the Cannes Festival in France, accompanied on the piano by Auguste Pastour. — Express Photo.

Big American Aid Expenditure In India Is Proposed

New Delhi, May 22.

The American Ambassador to India, Mr. Chester Bowles, today confirmed that he had recommended a \$1,000,000,000 assistance programme to India to be implemented in four years.

Acheson Flying To Germany

Washington, May 22. Mr. Dean Acheson, the Secretary of State, will leave here for Bonn by air at midnight tonight, the State Department announced. Mr. Acheson is expected to return here in about a week. The State Department said that Mr. Acheson, accompanied by Mrs. Acheson, would fly in President Truman's aeroplane, The Independence.

Their party will include Dr. Philip Jessup, American Ambassador-at-Large, and Mrs. Jessup, Mr. George Perkins, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, Mr. Lucius Battle, an assistant to Mr. Acheson, Miss Barbara Evans, Mr. Acheson's secretary, and Mr. Frank Madden, State Department security officer.

The State Department also announced that a party of officials left Washington last night for Bonn, flying by way of Paris.

It included Mr. Wells Stabler, Department Officer in charge of Egyptian and Anglo-Egyptian-Sudan affairs. — Reuter.

Hitler Document Sold In London

London, May 22. A manuscript signed by the Pastor of Dollersheim in 1933, certifying Hitler's ancestry, was sold for £42 at Sotheby's today. Two letters by Mussolini to his mistress fetched £40, and 11 letters written by Florence Nightingale between 1878 and 1880 to General Fife relating to conditions in India fetched £22. — Reuter.

DREDGER FOR IRRAWADDY

Rangoon, May 22. A 700-ton dredger for the Irrawaddy, paid for with U.S. aid funds, was handed over to the Burmese Government here today after being towed 5,000 miles from Tokyo in 28 days. Another dredger now on order in Scotland is expected to be delivered early next year. — Associated Press.

BRITISH OVERSEAS SERVICE

SUGGESTED For Providing Technical Aid To Foreign Countries

London, May 22.

Britain's overseas territories, whatever their stage of political development, will for many years need specialist assistance of one sort or another.

And to meet this demand, the creation of a unified British Overseas Service, into which the Colonial Service and staff of the Colonial Office and Commonwealth Relations Office might be integrated, is suggested by New Commonwealth in its current issue.

"It should be Britain's purpose and desire to serve all countries in need of specialist assistance by placing her knowledge and her experience at their disposal," New Commonwealth continues.

"The existence of such a Service, with all its prestige and avenues of recruitment, would doubtless induce many territories to make use of it. It would appeal to countries not wishing to take on long-term commitments, while British staff would prefer membership of a Service making independent contracts with the territories concerned."

And in the even wider field of industrial administration and technology the needs of the less-advanced countries are greater and will persist for a longer period.

To give the required assistance in this field, New Commonwealth suggests the foundation of a British Technical Service, which could be organised by such a body as the Federation of British Industries.

A HINDRANCE

This service would, it points out, help to plan, equip and inaugurate new undertakings and advise on their operation until nationals of the country concerned were able to take full control.

And it would help in finding suitable men for these schemes. "As those concerned with Colonial development schemes and similar projects have found," continues the New Commonwealth, "the difficulty of recruiting experts can be a great hindrance. It is not only the demand everywhere for men with special qualifications, but the appeal of work overseas have been made known sufficiently among the younger generation."

Schemes such as the Athlone Fellowships, and others which train men and women from overseas for careers in the professions, administration and industry, should be extended.

PRESSING NEED

But these arrangements are long-term, and the need of the less-developed countries for trained experts is pressing. The supply of such men in the United Kingdom must be organised, and specialist instruction, up-to-date appliances, new sources of power and additional means of production made available.

"If the less-advanced countries are to survive and become more independent," says the New Commonwealth, "their people must rapidly acquire knowledge of the ways of modern life and be given the equipment with which to build up stable economies." — London Express Service.

Holy See Signs UN Convention

United Nations, May 21. Archbishop Amleto Cicconani, Apostolic delegate at Washington, today signed in the name of the Vatican State the United Nations convention on the status of refugees. This was the first United Nations convention to be signed by the Holy See. The ceremony took place in the private office of the Secretary-General. — Reuter.

"Big 3" Talks On Tunisia

Paris, May 22.

Usually well-informed quarters today said that the American attitude on Tunisia would be discussed by the United States, France and Britain when they meet next week.

The French feel strongly that as NATO ally of the United States her policy in Tunisia should be supported by the Americans, especially in the United Nations. In the coming talks France expects to be supported by Britain. — Reuter.

SEQUEL TO FLIGHT TO MANILA

San Francisco, May 22. Theodore Lewin of Manila was arrested this afternoon on a fugitive warrant from Roswell, New Mexico, and held in the city prison.

The Chief of Police, Michael Gaffey, said he took Lewin into custody at a hotel upon a warrant from the New Mexico authorities. Earlier Lewin told a newsman that he did not know anything about a kidnapping case in Roswell.

After identifying himself, an Associated Press editor explained he had learned Lewin had returned to the United States to clear himself of the kidnapping charges connected with the flying of Lopez Puckett and her four-year-old son to Manila a year ago.

"I don't know anything about that," the man who identified himself as Lewin answered in a tired-sounding voice.

"Look, you have the wrong fellow, I am awfully busy," he said in refusing to answer any further question and hung up the telephone. — Associated Press.

Lawyer Fails To Appear

Cairo, May 22. Ahmed Hussein, a lawyer alleged to be the "chief instigator" of Cairo's riots last January, failed to appear before the Supreme Military Tribunal today for the second time.

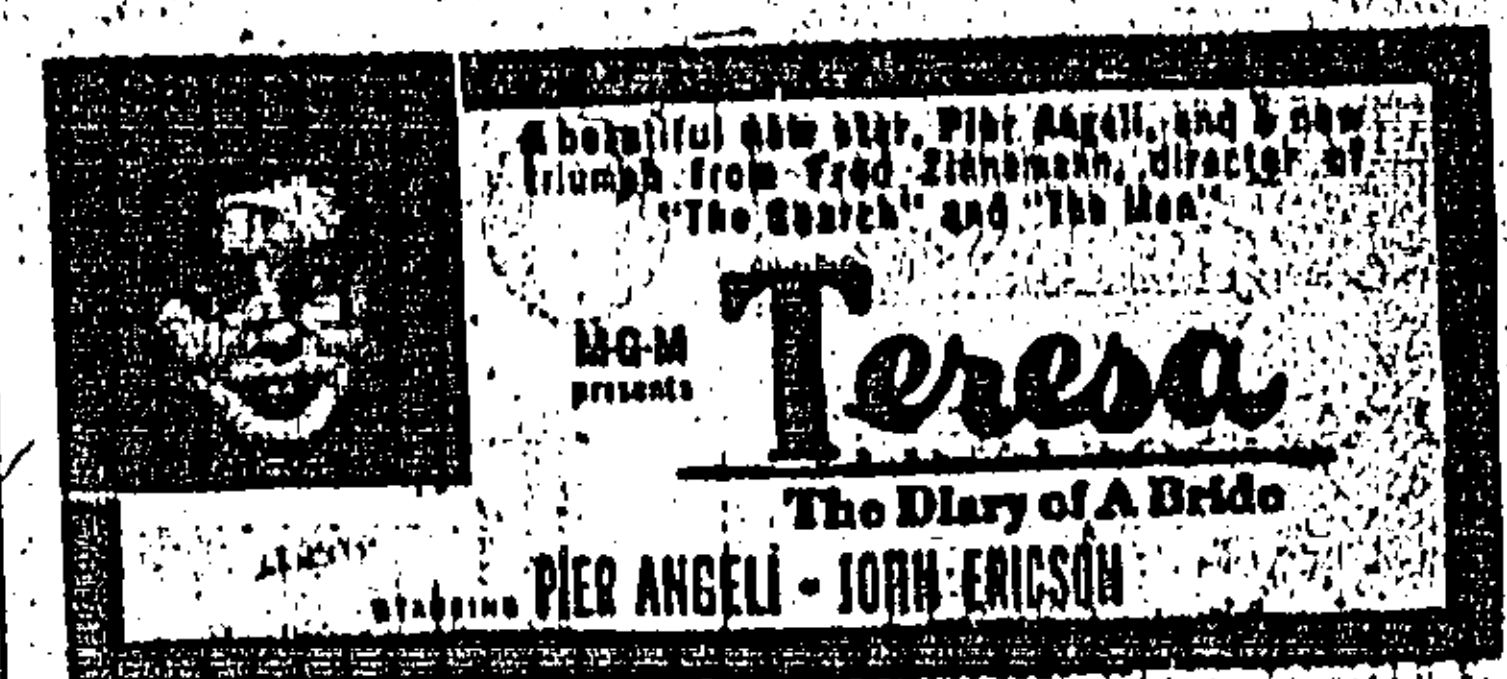
Hussein, already serving an 18-month prison term for articles considered lese majeste, was reported to be sick, though he had earlier been reported fit by doctors appointed by the Court.

When Hussein, leader of the National Socialist Party, failed to appear before the Tribunal on Monday he was also reported to be sick.

The Tribunal adjourned until Sunday to give Hussein another opportunity to appear in Court. — Reuter.

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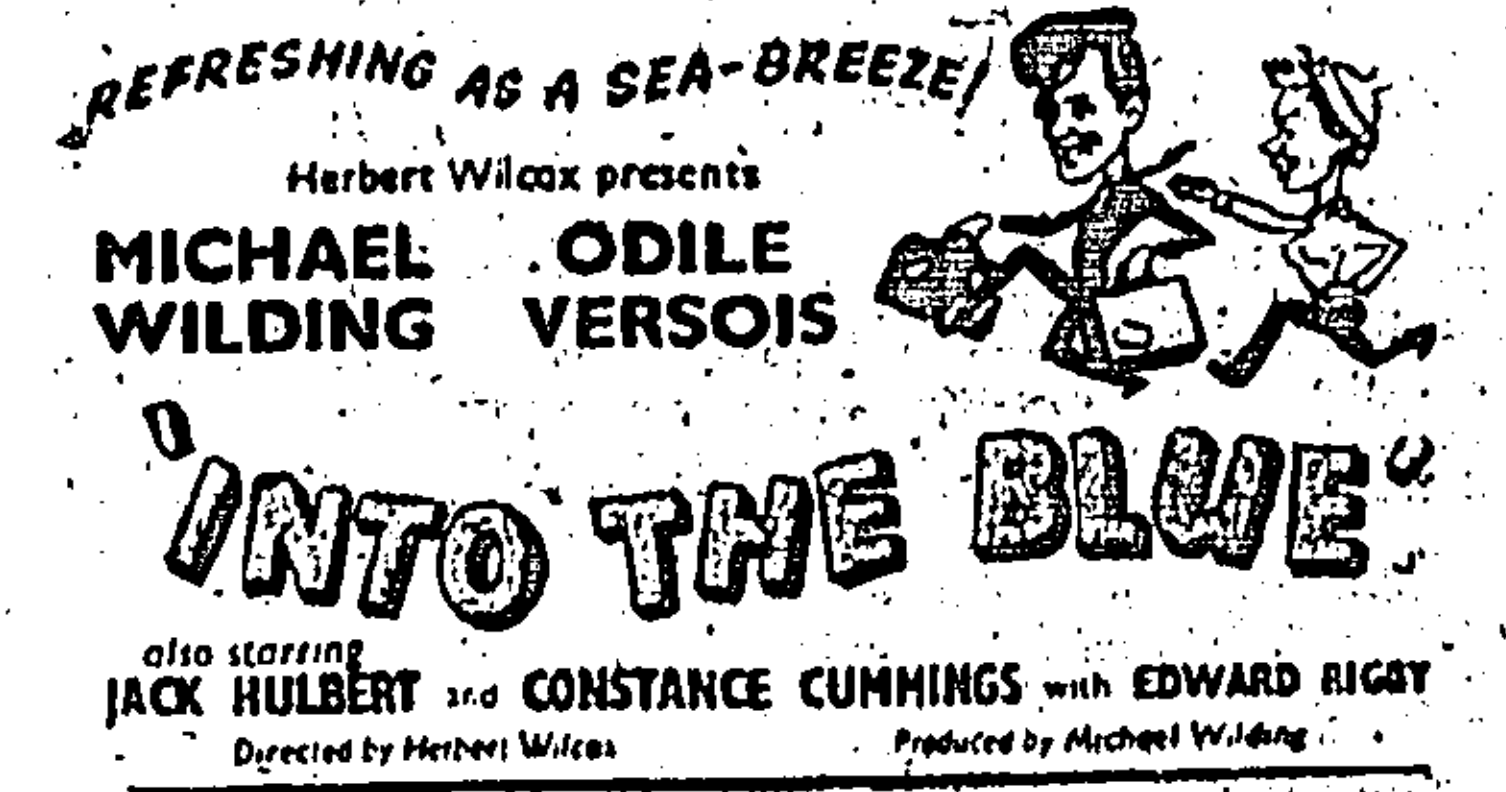
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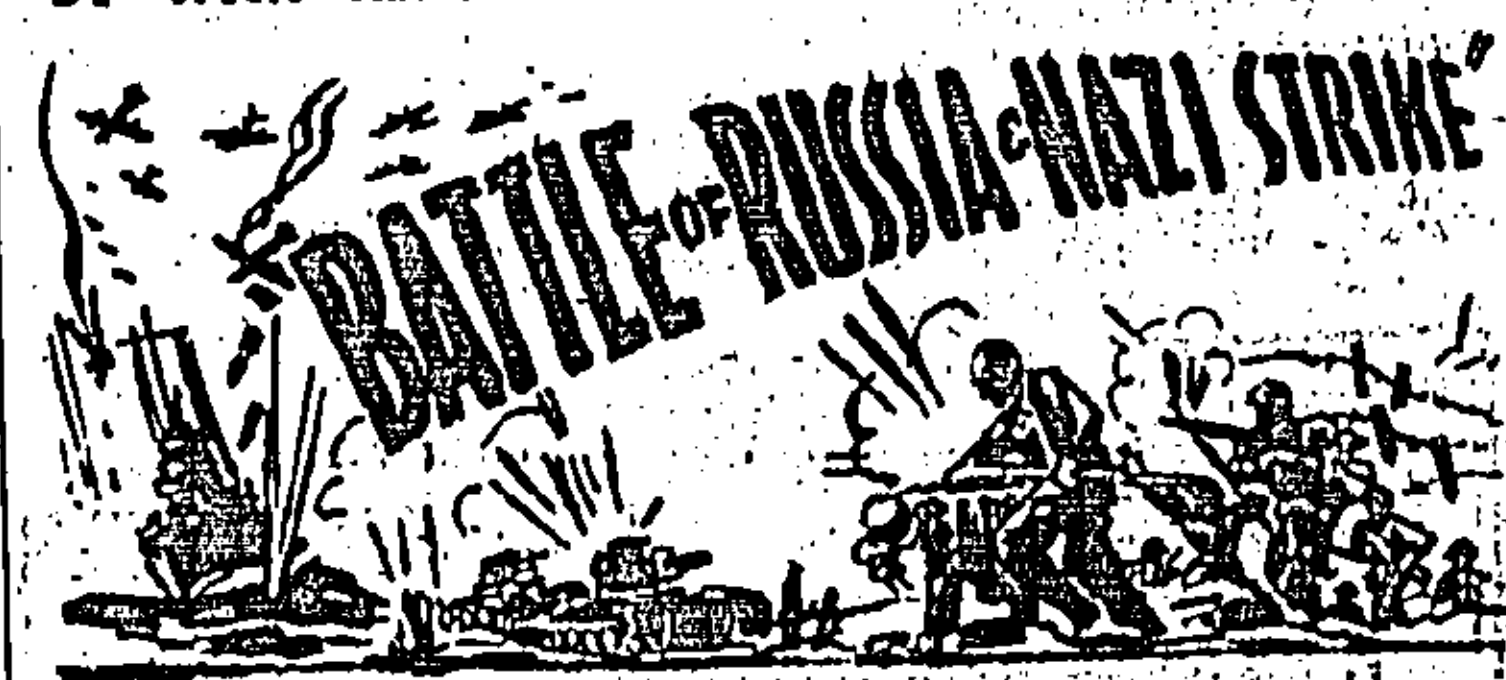


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THE OPEN-AIR
ACADEMY

A Bohemian atmosphere prevailed in Victoria Embankment Gardens, London, when the annual open-air display of paintings organised by the London County Council was held. Here is Miss Diana Pollitt, of Holland Park, hanging her paintings.—Central Press.

Review Of Britain's Policies In Middle East

London Conference

London, May 22.

Britain will review her Middle East policy at a conference here next month of the heads of diplomatic missions in 12 Middle East countries. Their talks are expected to include:

1. The Anglo-Egyptian dispute.
2. Political implications of the proposed Middle East Command.
3. Oil, particularly the Anglo-Iranian dispute.
4. Effects of the continuing Arab-Israeli tension.

Child's Request Swamped Village Post Office

Arleth, Essex, May 22.

A child's request for used Christmas cards received such a response when published in a religious newspaper that the village post office here has had to replace its existing postman with a delivery van to distribute the extra mail.

Seven-year-old Vivienne Whitaker asked for used cards to be sent to her home here, for distribution by a missionary organisation to children overseas. She received 50,000 cards packed in 2,000 parcels within a few days. With her school friends Vivienne cuts out the pictures and pastes religious texts in different languages on the back.—Reuter.

"PAGANISM" THREAT IN SCOTLAND

Edinburgh, May 22.

An "urgent call" for more churches in new housing areas to prevent whole streets from going "pagan" was made by Dr Charles L. Warr of St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, speaking at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland today.

Dr Warr said that in the past year some 100,000 Scottish people had moved into new housing areas.

If a church was on the spot when a new housing scheme was completed, some 80 per cent of the people could be brought into the fold.

But wait for two years, he added, and the figure would drop to 50 per cent, from five to ten years it would drop to 30 per cent, and by a little longer wait "the whole district would have gone pagan."

The building programme undertaken so far had cost about £600,000, and represented only one-quarter of new church buildings which would be required even if minimum provision was made for new housing areas.—Reuter.

Bulgars Warn Turkey

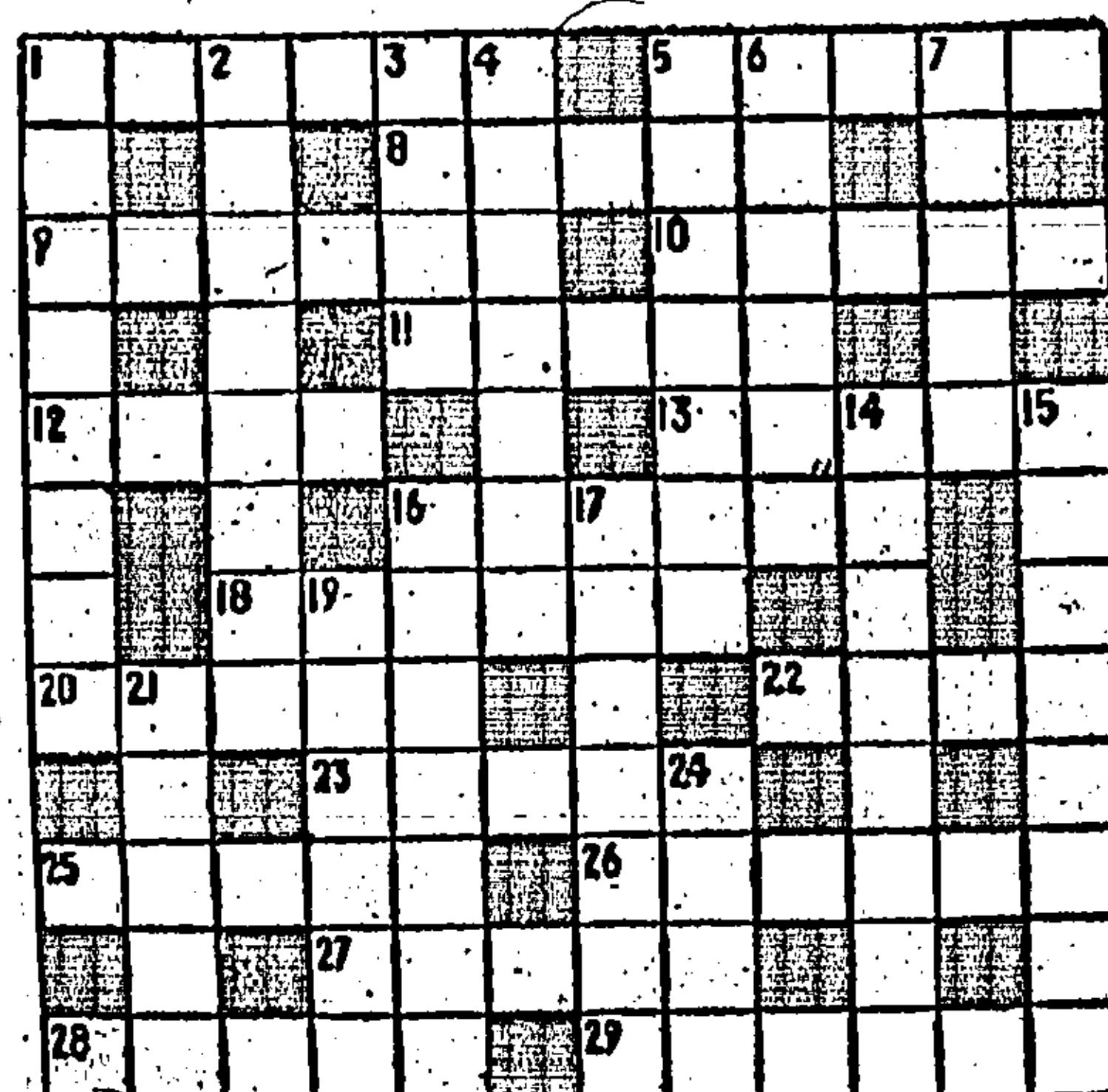
London, May 22.

Bulgaria today warned Turkey that if restrictions imposed on Bulgarian diplomats and citizens in Turkey were not lifted within a week, they would impose the same measures on Turkish officials and citizens in Bulgaria.

Reporting this, the Bulgarian news agency said the warning was contained in a note handed by the Bulgarian Foreign Minister to the Turkish Legation in Sofia.

The note pointed out that if such a step were taken, the full responsibility would rest with the Turkish Government. It added that Turkey had not answered a verbal note sent on May 5, which demanded the cancellation of "unjustified discriminatory measures" applied against Bulgarians in that country.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS:

- 1 Method (6).
- 2 Margin (5).
- 3 Try to equal (5).
- 4 Contained (5).
- 5 Healed (5).
- 6 Vegetable dish (5).
- 7 Girl's name (4).
- 8 Experiments (5).
- 9 Command (5).
- 10 Exultant (5).
- 11 Enchantress (5).
- 12 Unaffected (4).
- 13 Book of maps (5).
- 14 Part of an ear (5).
- 15 Tool (6).
- 16 Slip (5).
- 17 Agitates (5).
- 18 Required (6).

DOWN:

- 1 Follows (6).
- 2 Foreigner (6).
- 3 Cupid (4).
- 4 Mosque turret (7).
- 5 Left empty (7).
- 6 Dodges (6).
- 7 Visitor (5).
- 8 Alarmed (6).
- 9 Chased (6).
- 10 Chaffs (7).
- 11 Geometrical figure (7).
- 12 Chief (6).
- 13 Creek (5).
- 14 Ancestor (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Repels, 5 Clasp, 8 Otto, 9 Sultan, 11 Nerve, 12 Report, 14 Brag, 16 Urges, 18 Amaze, 19 True, 20 Enamel, 24 Prior, 25 Mirage, 26 Type, 27 Tunes, 28 Enured, Down: 1 Bash, 2 Pair, 3 Loop, 4 Strong, 6 Contour, 6 Arrange, 7 Peccress, 10 Tears, 13 Parapet, 14 Battalion, 15 Assure, 17 Ruler, 19 Tramps, 21 Mien, 22 Lally, 23 Tond.

Red Delegate Juggles With Figures

United Nations, May 22.

The Soviet member of the Disarmament Commission, M. Jacob Malik, today declared that the armed forces of the Western Powers were double those of the Soviet Union, proving that the West had adopted a "policy of force."

M. Malik quoted figures to show that in relation to armaments the Soviet Union was 30 times as high as those of the Soviet Union. French armed forces 12 times as high, and American armed forces three times as high.

He told the Commission, which is considering its first report to the General Assembly, that the total armed forces of the United States, Britain and France numbered more than 5,400,000. In the United States the armed forces constituted 2.32 per cent of the total population, in Britain 2.04 per cent and in France 2.12 per cent, but in the Soviet Union only 1.25 per cent.

M. Malik said that in the United States there was one soldier per square mile, in Britain 11 and in France four, in the Soviet Union there was only one soldier to three square miles.—Reuter.

Lean Times For London Night Life

London, May 22.

London was once one of the world's foremost after-dark entertainment centres—but now, night club proprietors in the capital are wondering how much longer they can stay open. Night after night the clubs are often half empty—some have only one or two couples in the middle of a sea of empty tables—and the situation shows no sign of improving.

Thousands of pounds Sterling have been put into cabaret shows and top-flight dance bands, but this has so far been the leanest year since the dark times of the 1930's.

The head waiter at one famous club, where people whose names are news all over the world have danced and dined in the past, said sadly, "In one night I served only two meals—and both were free."

Proprietors blame the money shortage that is hitting most traders and industries in Britain for the empty tables.—Reuter.

Envoys summoned to the conference by the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, are expected to include Sir Ralph Stevenson, British Ambassador in Cairo, and Mr George Middleton, Charge d'Affaires in Tehran—two of the key figures of the recent British policy in the area. Other heads of missions will include those from Turkey, Iraq, Syria, the Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Libya and Israel. Sir Rupert Hay, Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, and Sir Thomas Rapp, of the British Middle East Office in Cairo, will also attend.

FALLING PRESTIGE

British prestige and influence in the Middle East have fallen unprecedentedly in the three years since the last meeting was called.

Chief causes have been the situation in Egypt and the Persian nationalization of the £500 million Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's industry.

This will be the first such conference presided over by Mr Eden.

The two others—in 1945 and 1949—were called by the late Labour Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin.

Discussions will include industrial developments for raising the living standards of the Middle East people.—Reuter.

Russians Took Credit For U.S. Invention

Philadelphia, May 22.

A Philadelphia engineer today reported that a process he invented and turned over to the Soviet Union in 1944 under Lend-Lease has won the Stalin Medal for 1951 for a Russian engineer.

Karl Billner said details of the award to the Russian were revealed in the April 28 issue of the Soviet Press and the March 13 issues of Izvestia and Pravda.

Mr Billner said he received numerous awards and honours from scientific societies and universities in the United States and Europe in the past 12 years for vacuum processing of concrete under his patents in the United States.

A Russian account credits this invention to Abramovich Gershteyn, a teacher in a Moscow school, Mr. Billner reported.

Mr Billner said he first demonstrated his process to scientists and engineers at Yale University in 1937.

Later he showed it to military authorities in Washington by erecting a solid concrete pillbox fortification for use in four hours.—United Press.

INDIAN ORDER FOR GERMANY

Achim, May 22.

A West German company has received an order from the Indian Government to build several hundred irrigation wells around Bombay, the West German Economic News Agency VWD reported today.

The wells are intended to make fertile sanded land. About 650 tons of boring equipment and 800 tons of well parts have already been shipped to India.

The firm expects the project to be completed within 10 months.—Reuter.

Monetary Fund Meeting

London, May 22.

The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank will hold their annual general meetings in Mexico City from September 8 to September 12.

The British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr R. A. Butler, is expected to lead the British delegation to the two meetings.—Reuter.

Royal Visit To Britain



The King and Queen of Denmark shown being welcomed on their arrival at Liverpool Street Station, in London, at the start of their six-day private visit to Britain.—Express Photo.

Iranian Premier Takes Tearful View Of Future

Teheran, May 22.

The Prime Minister, Dr Mohammed Mossadegh, tears coursing down his cheeks, said today that serious unrest and perhaps a Communist grab for power may sweep Iran after his resignation.

The 75-year-old Premier declared in an interview that he was determined to resign after the World Court hearings on the Anglo-Iranian dispute early next month, whatever the cost.

"I cannot help it," he said. "I have tried to do my best for the nation."

Dr Mossadegh was interviewed in his home, which has been protected by armed guards ever since Moslem fanatics threatened his life. Clad in a coarse woollen coat, he sat on a blanket-covered cot, which was the only piece of furniture in the room.

He leaned his head weakly on one hand as he talked, using a white handkerchief to wipe his tears.

"I shall never sign any agreement which is against the independence of my country," he said. "If such agreements must be made, let someone else do it. I will step aside with a clear conscience."

He acknowledged that new upheavals may sweep troubled Iran when he resigns. He had warned Britain and the United States of the increasing Communist threat, he said. "They don't seem to realise it. It will be a great disaster for us and for them."

MATTER OF FACE

The International Court at The Hague will hear Britain's charges that Iran violated treaty obligations by arbitrarily nationalising oil resources last year in defiance of a World Court injunction.

The Premier said that efforts to settle the dispute by negotiation had failed because Britain insisted that Iran rehire British technicians who were dismissed when the Iranians took over the oil fields. The Iranians could not rehire the Britons without losing face.

"This is a matter of the utmost importance to our independence," said Dr Mossadegh. "The British are trying to force their way back in, but we cannot allow them to set foot on our soil."

Those offering to help us sell our oil should agree to our hiring technicians from neutral countries such as Holland and the United States. "I am surprised they insist that the technicians we engage must be British,"—United Press.

Power Cuts In Czechoslovakia

Vienna, May 22.

Prague Radio stated today that, owing to the lack of discipline of some firms and consumers who have not carried out the requested economy measures, electric current might be cut without warning between 0.20 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. and between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The radio added that the Czechoslovak Ministry for Power would publish within the next few days a scheme for power cuts under which various areas of the city and country districts would have cuts of one hour in turn.—France Press.

WHO Expanding Fight Against Disease

Geneva, May 22.

The 5th World Health Assembly, at its closing session here today, decided to expand the fight against communicable diseases to include leprosy, cholera, malaria, tuberculosis and venereal diseases.

Other decisions included: 1. New programmes for automatic vaccination against childhood diseases, especially in under-developed countries. 2. Help in organising adequate national health services. 3. The expansion of training facilities for auxiliary health personnel. 4. The granting of priority for WHO fellowships to under-developed countries for the next three years.

The Assembly also created several new expert committees, including ones for poliomyelitis, leprosy and rheumatism.

MOST REMARKABLE

The WHO's programme for 1953 must be considered as one of the most important factors in helping to create a prosperous and peaceful world, Dr Juan Salcedo Jr., Philippines President of the WHO, told the session.

Dr Salcedo declared that the long-term programmes for the promotion of health of children and the action decided on against leprosy were also causes for great satisfaction.

Sir Arcot Mudaliar of India expressed the thanks of all delegates to Dr Salcedo for the dignity and tolerance with which he had presided over the session.

"It has been my privilege to attend every session of the World Health Assembly," he said, "and I am sure this one will go down as one of the most remarkable for its achievements."

"If there have been differences of opinion, we must not be discouraged by them. They are signs of the healthy vitality of our organisation,"—Reuter.

"Hams" Turning To Television

London, May 22.

Spare-time television enthusiasts are now succeeding radio amateurs in Britain.

Harold Jones, of Plymouth, has just reported a transmission of between five and 10 miles. So far, the pictures have been images and "stills".

Two amateurs in Sunderland, Fred and Joseph Rose, who have been experimenting for two years, hope soon to make contact with another amateur, John Hogarth, in Northumberland, about 16 miles from their Sunderland station.—Reuter.

CARDINAL'S BAN ON SERMON

Bonn, May 22.

Cardinal Josef Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, today banned a peace sermon to have been delivered by Fr. Franciscus Strathmann in Bonn Cathedral. Fr. Strathmann, a Dominican from Walberberg Monastery, near here, was permitted to read a Mass for peace.

He said, "The Church held the opinion that any peace sermon could be linked with a peace demonstration by women here today. It could have created the impression that the Church was behind a political demonstration. There is no reason whatsoever to launch an attack against the Cardinalate of Cologne because of this ban."

Fr. Strathmann, an old partisan of world peace, was sharply persecuted under the Hitler regime. His peace sermons were forbidden and he escaped abroad after being released from preventive custody.

He lived in Rome for five years. He spent the war years in Belgium where he was chased by the Gestapo, but was successfully hidden by Belgian friends.—Reuter.

Indian Action Hits Dundee

Dundee, May 22.

More than 3,000 jute workers here will be on a three-day week soon following the Indian Government's action in reducing the export tax on Calcutta-made hessian cloth.

The low Indian price has caused buyers to hold up their orders with the Dundee industry because they are expecting accordingly lower British prices.

Because of the shortage of orders, one firm will suspend production from Friday until June 3, putting employees out of work.

The Indian Government first reduced the export tax on Calcutta-made hessian cloth on February 18. The British Ministry of Materials then reduced the domestic price of raw jute. On May 6 India reduced the tax again.—Reuter.

Servicemen Home From Hongkong

Southampton, May 22.

About 1,300 servicemen and their wives and families landed at Southampton today from the Far East, mainly from Hongkong and Singapore. They travelled in the troopship Empire Trooper.—Reuter.



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Mme. (350) SIMENON

The French-Canadian wife of a best-selling author votes for the simple life



MADAME SIMENON

WHEN you read that Mme. Georges Simenon is staying at a West End hotel with her husband, who is one of the world's richest and best-selling novelists, you imagine some degree of lacquered sophistication. At least I did.

But we are all wrong—as wrong as we are in supposing that Simenon is a Frenchman. (In fact, he is Belgian, born 40 years ago in Liege.) His French-Canadian wife, her hands thrust into the pockets of her grey flannel skirt, her feet in flat-heeled brown country shoes, planted purposefully on the carpet, has no nonsense about her whatever. She even disdains the harmless artifice of lipstick or a dab of powder. Her only jewellery apart from her plain wedding band is her single-pearl engagement ring.

It is as if she wished to add to the contrast with the subtleties of the office work, which are her husband's life, the touch of simplicity.

Simenon, she says, likes contrast. He has travelled all over the world, and when he lived in France liked to pop over to London from Paris to relax between books. ("He knows London well and enjoys everything here including the restaurants.")

This is Madame's first sight of "England," she said, in love with it at once. She fell in love with her husband at first sight too. A friend arranged the meeting in New York, telling Denise out-

EVELYN IRONS

me, as she was then, that Simenon wanted a secretary and telling Simenon that Denise wanted no job. In her usual guileless way, Denise telephoned to tell Simenon that it was untrue—she had a job awaiting her back home in Ottawa. Simenon, amused, suggested that it would be nice to lunch together, anyhow, more than half an hour late for the appointment. Says Madame Simenon, "I was too shy to leave the table and walk out." They strolled in the park for lunch. "And I suddenly realised I was in love," she says. "And luckily he felt the same."

They lived together the same evening. That was in 1945. Simenon was then separated from his first wife whom he had married in 1923. Denise turned down the Ottawa job and became Simenon's secretary; she still does for him all his business letters, although she no longer types his novels. They were married the day after his first divorce came through.

Now they live at Shadow Rock Farm in Connecticut, an old colonial-style white clapboard house with 48 acres of land and two trout streams. Simenon writes from five to seven books a year. But it is all under such perfect control that his wife will never go down to history as the patient wife of an erratic genius. He rises at 6 a.m., writes in his soundproof office for two and a half hours. That is all the writing he does in a day. One book takes him ten to twelve days. His wife gets up at 6.30, dresses their 2½-year-old son (christened Jean-Jacques, but known as Johnny), and after breakfast goes to work she.

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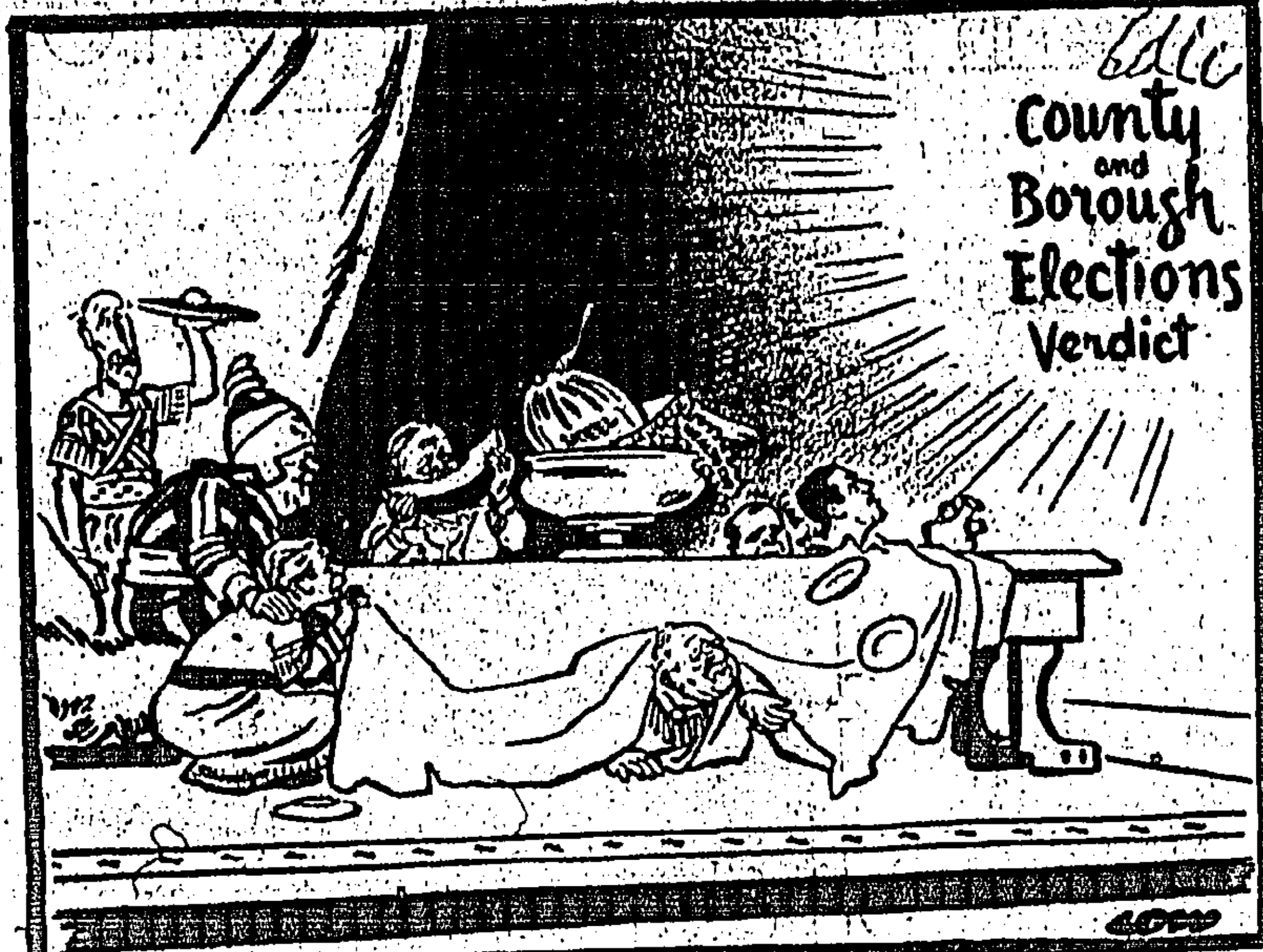
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THE COMIC SIDE OF COMMUNISM

By BARBARA VEREKER

THERE are some jokes—and they are the best jokes—which can be appreciated universally. The sight of a grand and solemn man missing his footing and sitting down with a bump is funny to the onlookers, whether they be Zulus, Eskimos or Englishmen. The only person who does not see the joke is the solemn man himself. And the more solemn he remains the more comical he looks.

Modern politics have become very solemn. Or rather, modern politicians have become very solemn. They are constantly pointing out to us that this political utterance should make us think or that utterance make us tremble, yet they seldom draw our attention to the fact that a good many political utterances should merely make us laugh.

Take for instance, that grand and solemn body, the Soviet Government. Watch its august progress. Then see it miss its footing, sit down with a bump, and make itself highly ridiculous. But this unintentional clowning is not confined to the Soviet Government. There are communists all over the world constantly slipping on metaphorical banana skins. Possibly because you cannot keep one eye on Moscow and still look where you are going. It can happen at any moment.

Chess for Miners

IN a speech on coal production, for instance, Now we know that Russian miners are praised "courageous and given 30 days' holiday after eleven months' work. We also know that in the Marshal Koniev mines in Czechoslovakia, children are drafted for eight-hour shifts, and that 50 boys and 85 girls must get 200 truckloads of coal to the surface, or suffer the punishments of food cuts and fines inflicted by the Communist supervisor, Prackel. We know that in Russia men and women are urged to go down the mines because it is a glorious way of serving the Soviet Union. We also know about forced

labour for political offenders. All this we know, and some of it makes us think, and some of it makes us tremble.

Then along comes a splendid Communist called Adolf Hennecke to introduce a little comic relief. Hennecke, who organised the shock workers in East Berlin, has a simple, and, I'm inclined to think, original, way of increasing coal production. In all seriousness he suggests that miners should learn to play chess.

"Playing chess increases coal production," he announced in a recent interview. "Chess playing helps in logical thinking and, therefore, enables us to produce more coal. We should all play chess."

I judge by this sample of his logical thinking that Communist Hennecke is not himself a chess player, but I think it is a splendid notion, and well in line with the Communist ideal of culture for everyman.

Marxist Sport

IF the suggestion is taken up, Communist miners will be just as cultured as Communist sportsmen. For, as a Russian named Vostaka has pointed out, "It is not sufficient for Soviet sportsmen to be supermen physically—their prowess in the field must be matched by their knowledge of the history of Bolshevism, philosophy, political economy, and the moral aspect of Soviet sport."

This again conjures up a happy picture of some Soviet gymnasium where hearty athletes are even now being trained to march into, or more probably out of, the Olympic Games. In the ring two robust citizens box, while in their respective corners their seconds sit with bowed heads, engrossed in their books on philosophy. Near by, a couple of supermen are skipping, pausing from time to time to read another chapter of Marx. Given such a setting one can imagine a voice breaking in occasionally with: "Stop playing with that medicine ball, Ivan, and get on with your dialectical materialism."

Now, this sort of thing is funny in any language. Any language, that is, except the language of Communism. For, as I have said, it is the rule in this kind of joke that the people who make it possible do not see that they are being funny at all. Communists remain incurably solemn.

Absurdities

WHEN a Hungarian Communist newspaper reported that "following Soviet directives, our 'fellow Soviet comrades' are engaged in dancing has undergone unprecedented development, and the dance in our country has become the common cause of the masses," they thought it splendid and not a bit funny. The Canton Southern Daily, reproving a Canton restaurant for serving "Resist America, Aid Korea, porridge" in the morning and "Protect Home-Defend-Fatherland Rice" at lunchtime, vulgarized the dignified propaganda campaign.

And although the correspondent who wrote to Vilagosas, the organ of the Hungarian Workers'

THE LADY IS UNWILLING

From FREDERICK COOK

New York.

FOUR months ago, America's manpower director, Mrs Anna Rosenberg, the live wire who "loves screwy hats," came back from Korea with an urgent message from Generals Ridgway and Van Fleet.

"Send us 72,000 Service women," they pleaded. "As soon as possible."

How has Mrs Rosenberg succeeded? To date she has persuaded just 8,592 to volunteer—for all three Services.

Disastrous, says Washington—and puzzling.

There have been rich inducements to the American girl to do her share. No more barrack life for her; cubicle-type quarters have taken its place. In most of the women's camps dormitories have been abandoned. Girls now live two to a room in costly furnished flats, with central heating and refrigerators.

SNAPPY OUTFIT

They are allowed—even encouraged—to pick up the needle in their off-duty hours and run up some cheerful curtains and matching bedspreads.

The Army even hired milliner Hattie Carnegie to design a new uniform for the "Waacs," then told the girls it was all right to dress in civvies if they liked for their off-duty hours.

To crown it all, they gave them the same pay as men in all three Services, starting at \$26 1½¢ a month for a private.

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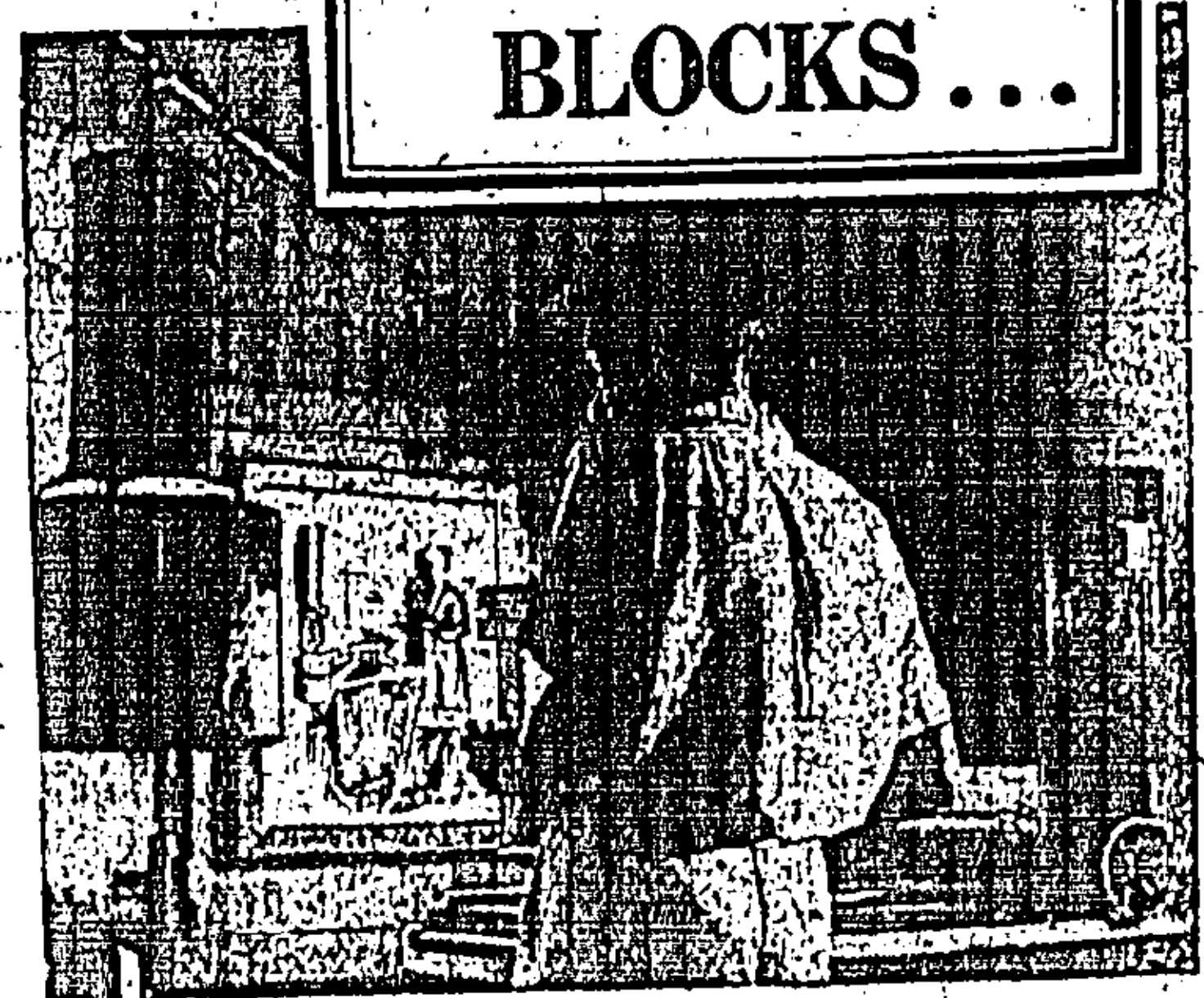
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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

I DON'T like to read that a conductor abandoned his baton at a recent symphony concert. It might encourage other conductors to go further. There will be some youngsters to say that a symphony and clowning conductor and strange cries from the instrumentalists would have been a wider public. That is the customary excuse for taking a place of music by a great composer, reciting it in a lecture, meaning it is a night-club title.

The advance guard

NOTICE that some of the really "advanced" poetry of today has still only got as far as Guillaume Apollinaire (who died in 1918). The matter of despatching punctuation, the matter of understanding what is gained by this trick, unless the poet has despatched of concealing the meaning in another way, is to have a two-word line with both words at the wrong end, and to have it followed by five words split into three lines, as this:

stars she
the
cried quietly

Mrs McGurgle prepares

A TASTEFUL folder informs me that it is time to plan a holiday in England. It says:

At Mrs McGurgle's the blue sky is the limit. When you have had a cup of coffee in the new sun lounge at eleven o'clock you will wonder why you ever came abroad. Enjoy the best of everything there is a violin and piano concert in the evening, by Miss Fiddle's (the pianist) and the Udding (the violinist). Or you can split a bottle of Frothing at a table under one of the striped umbrellas on the

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, MAY 23

BORN today, you have a tremendous store of nervous energy. Your self-confidence and enthusiasm for any project that you begin, you are a very determined, those around you will often take advice against your own best judgment and then later regret it. Be sure to stand on your own feet at all times. Listen to what others say, but act as you alone decide.

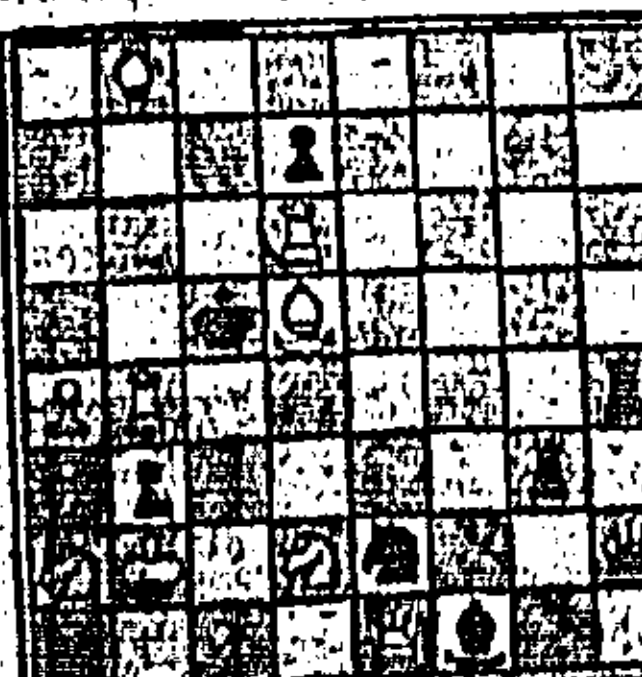
It is likely that fate will play a considerable part in your life. Success and despair will alternate in rapid succession. But you must learn to accept this continual change in fate, you will be able to cope with continual crises efficiently. Learn to

SATURDAY, MAY 24

GENI (May 22-June 21)—Plan a short trip—perhaps into the country—into some close to you. It can be a very successful plan. GEMINI (June 22-July 21)—Be conservative in all your actions today if you want the best possible results in everything. LEO (July 22-Aug. 21)—If you need to make a new budget to see you through the next few months, discuss it with your family. VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 21)—Work out your household chores systematically. You can save time and energy if you do this. LIBRA (Sept. 22-Oct. 21)—A good day for planning a happy time with close friends at your house. Be the host or hostess. SCORPIO (Oct. 22-Nov. 21)—A conservative attitude is likely to be the best one for you to follow at this time. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Plan to spend the day quietly at home with your family. Get outdoors if you can. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—This is a day in which you can show your love, devotion or your family. Plan a surprise. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Be careful about handing out advice. Be sure that it will be welcome, before you give it. PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Better not to make a major decision at this time. Your judgment will be better, if you wait.

CHESS PROBLEM

By R. S. NORRE
Black, 8 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.
White to play; make in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. P-R3, any; 2. R-K5 or P-Q4, or Q-K5, mates.

DUMB BELLS



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Perfect Bidding: Woh This Hand

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand, played in the English Masters Individual Tournament, is remarkable both for bidding and for play.

The bidding is unusual because everybody got into the act. North managed to find two bids with one queen and two jacks. East found a bid and a double with only one king. It's no wonder that West climbed one trick too high and that South returned the compliment. How those English love to bid.

The play was even more interesting. West led the king of spades and continued with the jack. East played the four and then the nine of spades. West then shifted to clubs, and it was up to South to win the rest of the tricks.

The bidding made it clear that West had a five-card spade suit. Hence East had only two spades. South asked himself: Why didn't East ask for a spade continuation by playing the nine of spades first and then the four of spades? And why didn't West continue spades anyway when he saw the nine of spades appear from his partner's hand?

The answer was clear: East could not over-ruff the dummy. Therefore he didn't ask for a spade continuation. By the same token, West could

NORTH			
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108	94	94	94
EAST			
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SOUTH (D)			
7552	7552	7552	7552
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WEST			
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WEST			
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K	K	K	K
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Opening lead—A K

South thought this all out carefully and came to the conclusion that West had the king of diamonds. On the chance that this was unguarded, South dropped the ace of diamonds and dropped West's singleton king.

Now only careful timing was necessary to bring in eleven tricks. South entered dummy with the trump to the ten, diamonds the queen of hearts, won another finesse with the ten of hearts, and cashed the heart ace.

He returned to dummy with a trump to the jack in order to run a fourth round of hearts, when he could ruff aside with dummy's fifth trump in order to cash dummy's fifth trick.

Curiously enough, if West had continued with a third spade, a very weak response, it would have been a mistake. South could not have made his contract. The timing would be all wrong for the heart and it would be difficult to run two spades in dummy. East would win a trump trick.

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

West North East South
1 Diamond 1 Heart Pass
2 South, South, hold: Spades 4-3-4, Hearts 4-3-2, Diamonds 4-3-2, Clubs 4-3-2. What do you do?

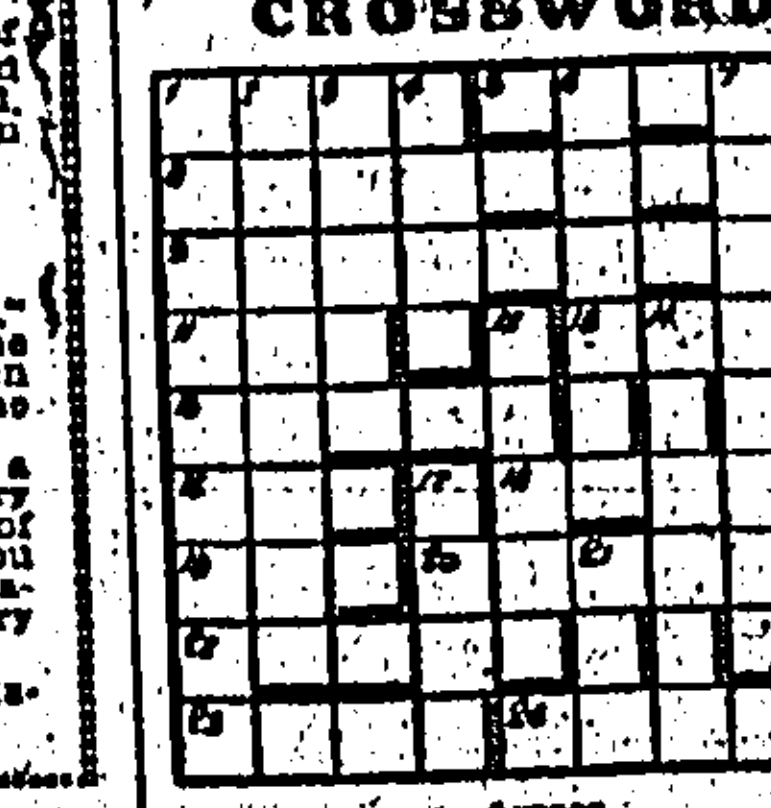
A—Did one no-trump. This is not a weak response, as it would be if your partner had opened the bidding. It indicates a fairly good hand of just about average strength in the diamond suit, and total strength of an average hand (one ace, one king, and one queen, and one jack) or thereabouts.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 4-3-4, Hearts 4-3-2, Diamonds 4-3-2, Clubs 4-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Formerly the rest (1)
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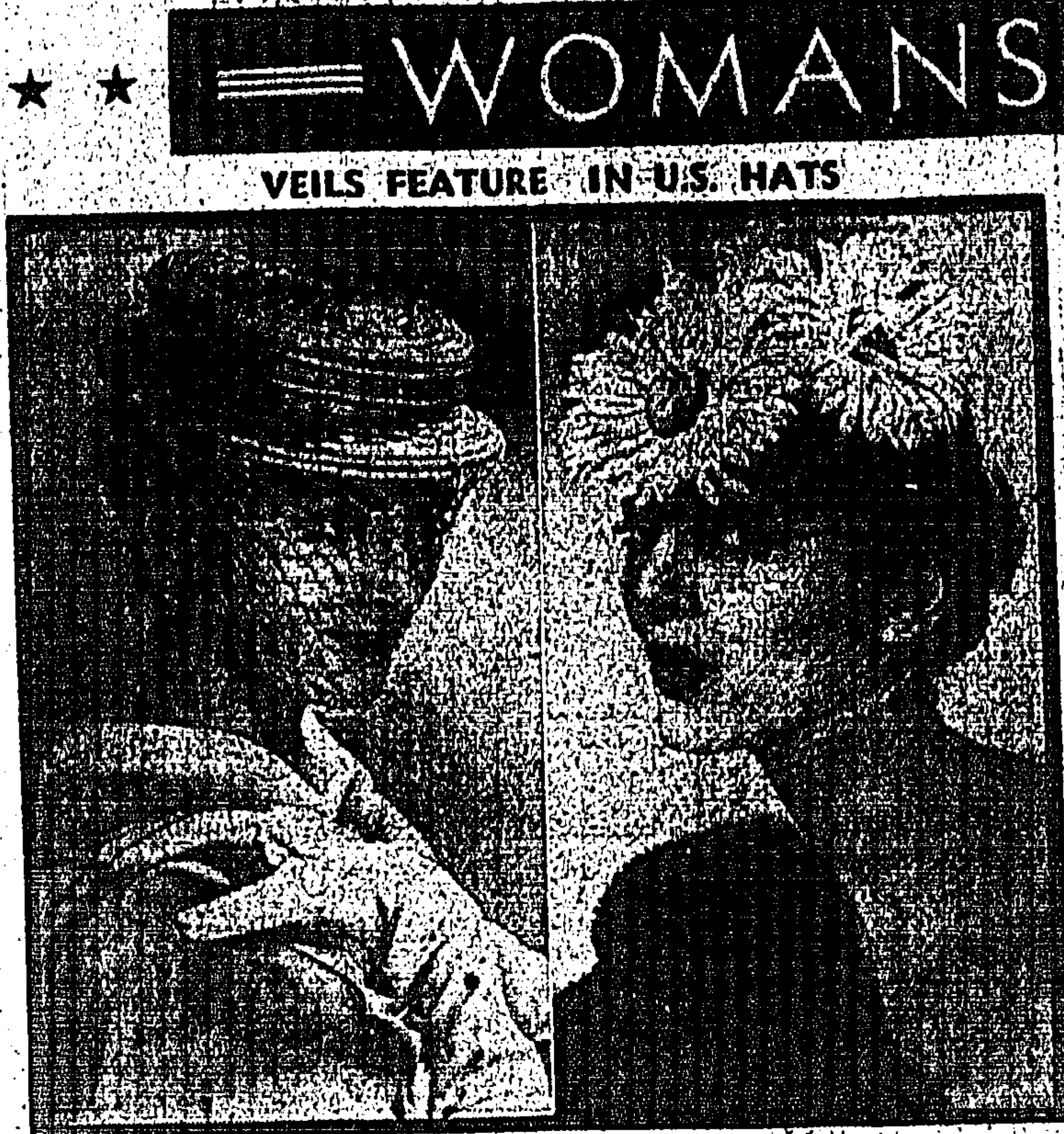
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A furniture firm is responsible for the newest trend in informal furnishings.

The designer Edward Stone said the old American craft of splitting and weaving slender strips of oak still flourished in the Ozark Hills near the plant. He uses the wythes for entire pieces, or as a contrast for some of the simple modern pieces, either of the natural red oak or oak given a black lacquer finish.

Occasional chairs and a chaise longue are made entirely of the wythes but the designer uses

of mar or scratch and is alcohol proof and heat resistant.

Designers are getting away from squares and rectangles and shifting to the "fluid look," according to the Museum of Modern Art.

The museum has on display several household objects to show what's happened to home styles in the past 20 years.

The contrast is best shown in a couple of "then and now" ash trays. The early one is a square block of clear glass, with a deep round indentation.

The later one, from an Italian designer, Pietro Chiesa, looks more like a chunk of glass beginning to melt. The indentation is barely deep enough to hold a cigarette. —United Press



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

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WOMANSENSE

New Test That Can Predict A Complication of Pregnancy

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

IMPORTANT news for expectant mothers is the announcement of a new test to predict toxemia of pregnancy before the usual symptoms appear. Toxemia is a type of poisoning that sometimes causes convulsions in pregnant women. The test is made with the Krasio-Ivy flicker photometer, a device that measures responses of the eye.

The medical profession has already done much to eliminate complications of pregnancy and thus make childbirth safer. Haemorrhage and infection, two common complications, have been definitely reduced.

Prenatal Care

Toxemia of pregnancy is rare at present, thanks to adequate prenatal care, requiring the expectant mother to visit her physician for regular and frequent examinations. He can then notice if any of the symptoms are present and treat them promptly before they become too severe.

These symptoms usually include high blood pressure in the urine, dizziness, headaches and spots before the eyes are often possible signs. There may also be a great increase in weight, due to the collection of excess fluid in the body. If the toxemia is severe, it can cause convulsions in and even death of the expectant mother.

Before Symptoms Appear

Ever since doctors first recognized this condition, they have been searching for some way to single out the patients with a tendency to develop toxemia even before any symptoms appear. The flicker photometer does this by a delicate test of the effects of blood vessel spasm on the eyes.

Many people know that the common electric light, which seems to give a steady glow, is actually flickering about 60 times a second. A normal person cannot notice this. A flicker test is reduced to around 40 times a second. This is called the Flicker Fusion Threshold. The photometer gradually increases or decreases the rate of flicker to the desired rate.

In the test, the patient's own threshold is first determined, and she is then given a nitroglycerine pill. This drug improves a woman's ability to recognize flicker. She has early spasm of the blood vessels of the eye, a condition believed to occur in toxemia of pregnancy. A normal woman, with no tendency toward toxemia does not show this improvement.

This test is still in the experimental stage, but is already being used in some hospitals. According to the announcement, it has a 100 percent record in predicting the condition before symptoms develop. In addition, no woman has had toxemia after the test showed she was free from a tendency toward it. It remains to be seen whether this record will stand up.

Meanwhile, in the flicker photometer, doctors recognize a new weapon for safer childbirth.

Cheerful Rain Coat

By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

A GOOD and cheerful idea if ever we knew one, is this coat of water-repellent white cotton twill to bring cheer on a drab day, and also a good choice for resort wear north or south. It has a navy jersey lining and collar also front band and turn-back cuffs, and also a lining in the palm pockets. For extra diamond samples being carried to a prospective client by a jewellery salesman.

It was a lucky "stumble" for the brumby coffee shop waitress, though. Impressed by her appearance, the salesman landed her a job as jewellery model with his client's firm. —United Press

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St. Stephen's College became the first official Inter-School Badminton Champions when they defeated La Salle College yesterday in the deciding match of the final playoffs by 3-0.

The two 19-year-old cousins, U Sel-lip and U Sel-ching, were again responsible for their school's victory which enabled them to complete the League without conceding a single set.

For the losers, Colony School boys under 19 Singles Champion Robert Heng and runner-up E. Marquez Lim put up highly creditable performances before going down to their older opponents.

Both the Singles matches produced a high standard of schoolboy badminton. In the opening game, Robert Heng and U Sel-lip battled to a 17-17 score and although U took the lead at 18-17, services changed hands at this stage no less than six times before Heng made two errors and a final drop toppled on the wrong side of the net.

E. Marquez Lim put La Salle supporters in high hopes when he led U Sel-ching in the second match 7-2, and 8-4, 13-8 and 15-9.

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INTER-SCHOOL CHAMPIONS



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Lancashire Win Dour Fight For First Innings Points Over Warwickshire

Lancashire, second favourites to win the English County Cricket Championship, won a dour fight for a first innings lead over Warwickshire, the 1931 Champions, at Liverpool today.

When the last wicket pair, Brian Statham and Roy Tattersall, came together, Lancashire still needed three runs to overhaul Warwick's total.

These two England bowlers hit off the runs and put Lancashire three ahead.

That was quite sufficient for skipper Nigel Howard, who promptly applied the closure.

QUICKLY IN TROUBLE
Warwickshire, left with half an hour's batting, were quickly in trouble, for Tattersall dismissed the opening batsman, Don Taylor, for a "duck".

The highlight of Lancashire's fighting innings was a fifth wicket stand of 119 in two and a quarter hours between Winston Place (84) and the Australian all-rounder, Ken Greaves (48).

Champion Loses In Irish Women's Golf Tourney
Newcastle, County Down, Northern Ireland, May 22.

Mrs. F. C. MacCann, Ireland's winner last year of the British Women's Golf Championship, was today beaten in the final of the Irish women's title event by Miss Dorothy Forster, of Balmoral, who club to which Fred Daly is professional.

Miss Forster, runner-up for the title last year, made a flying start by winning the first four holes each in one under par and she never completely lost the advantage. At the end of the morning round she was still three up.

Twice in the afternoon the British Champion won two successive holes to threaten a revival but each time Miss Forster showed her capabilities by regaining a three holes lead and she kept far enough ahead to win with two holes to spare.

SCOTTISH TITLE
Edinburgh, May 22.
Miss Jean Donald, the British Curtis Cup player who toured South Africa last year, regained the Scottish women's golf championship today with the first victory in the 49 years' history of the event.

She beat Mrs. R. T. Peel by 13 and 11, having been 11 up at the end of the first round to equal the British record for a championship.

NOTICE
THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB
Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby Saturday, 31st May, 1932.

Tickets in the above at \$2.00 each may be obtained at the Treasurers' Comptroller Office, 1st Floor, Telephone House, and at the Club's Branch Offices situated at:

D'Aguiar St., Hong Kong or 382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Over 700,000 tickets sold to date.

COCKELL'S RIGHT FIST Slightly Damaged
London, May 22.

Don Cockell, British lightweight Champion, who on Tuesday night outboxed Ronnie Tomlin, Italian Alliance holder, at Harringay, was treated today for a slightly damaged right fist.

The injury was first caused during training.

Dr. Philip Kaplan, British Boxing Board of Control medical officer, also examined Cockell for this general condition and said "I am not unhappy about it."

UMRIGAR AND HAZARE GIVE THE CROWD A SIGHT OF INDIAN CRICKET AT ITS BEST Unbroken Fourth Wicket Partnership Of 366

Oxford, May 22.
Polly Umrigar and Vijay Hazare, with superb knocks of 229 and 161, both not out, gave the crowd at Oxford a sight of Indian cricket at its best.

The unbroken fourth wicket partnership put on 366 runs in 225 minutes—the highest by an Indian touring team in England.

Umrigar and Hazare were brilliant in the execution of their strokes against the University's bowling.

Both batsmen, who came together with their side precariously placed at 32 runs for three wickets, demonstrated the art of correct footwork.

Getting to the pitch of the ball without hesitation, they turned accurately directed bowling into half volleys. So few balls passed the bat that the first extra did not come till the score was past 250.

Umrigar, who joins Hazare and Merchant as the only Indians who have scored a double century against English teams, was within sight of Hazare's record of 244 by an Indian against an English XI when the innings was closed.

Hazare's 244 runs was made against Yorkshire in 1946 when he and Merchant established the previous best stand in England with 322 runs for the fourth wicket.

WITH A VENGEANCE
The Indian captain came back to form with a vengeance, scoring over 100 runs more than his previous best innings this season. His cover driving was the best seen for many a day. He hit 29 fours and batted 225 minutes for his 161 runs.

Oxford fielded untiringly and often brilliantly and their bowlers stuck manfully to their task in the heat.

The University lost three wickets to Shinde in scoring 78 runs off the arrears of 171 before the close.

It was a massacre until tea when the Indian cricketers declared at 338 runs for three wickets in response to Oxford's 227 runs.

The statistically minded would have found much food for thought in the day's play, but the most pleasing and relieving feature for the Indians was the return to form of Hazare after a run of bad scores and failures.

Hazare and Umrigar came together when three wickets were down for only 32 runs and they proceeded to make minutes of the bowling in a manner which realised 300 in 225 minutes.

Umrigar's double century included three fours, sixes and a large number of fours. He also achieved the additional and most enviable distinction of making 100 runs before lunch.

Hazare was credited with 20 boundaries, 13 through the covers.

TREMBLOUS POWER
Quick with the eye and free with the hand, Hazare displayed tremendous power into strokes which sped to the boundary, giving the fieldsmen no hope. He concentrated on the hook and drive early in his innings, but later burst out with grand straight drives and crushing shots.

Jowett, Mitchell and Cowdrey yielded runs to Hazare, whose fast footwork and lightning eye made run-getting on a fast pitch almost automatic. Very few balls were allowed to pass the bat and the first extra did not come till the board showed 297 runs.

Hazare reached his first 100 runs, scored in two hours and 20 minutes, with his 204th run—a exquisite driven drive.

Oxford fielded magnificently otherwise the total might have been doubled.

Oxford took the new ball after 80 overs, Coutts and Coxon in spite of their exertions in the field, kept a good length and with their colleagues, sat unflinching, the scoring rate slackened.

Nevertheless, it was only a run for the fourth wicket ball and soon they found again with more boundaries through the covers.

When he reached 161 runs, Umrigar passed his highest score in first-class cricket.

The relentless punishment of the plucky University bowlers continued. Umrigar reached 200 runs in three hours and 55 minutes and had them hit 34 fours and sixes.

This stand was worth 300 runs in 185 minutes and then, when the total reached 366 the partnership became a record for an Indian touring side.

The pair were still unbeaten at 145.

When the Indians declared and Oxford went in to bat.

Shinde used the googly effectively. He bowled Boobyer at 53 with this disguised delivery and the following ball beat Blake in the same way.

Wiley also fell to a googly at 72 runs, Shinde taking the three wickets for 24 runs.

Dodgers Set Major League Records

Brooklyn, N.Y., May 22.
The Brooklyn Dodgers set two modern Major League records tonight in the first innings of their game with the Cincinnati Reds when they sent 21 batters to the plate and scored 10 runs.

The 15-run total surpassed the previous high of 14 set by the Chicago Cubs on August 13, 1922, and the American League record of 14 set by the Boston Red Sox in 1948, the Yankees in 1920 and the Indians in 1950.

The Dodgers scored 12 runs in the first half and 8 in the second. They also set a new Major League record, topping the previous high of 11 runs by Pittsburgh in 1942.

AMAZING INNINGS
In the amazing innings every Dodger batter drove in at least one run.

The Dodgers obtained 10 hits, two short of the modern Major League record, seven walks and two hit batsmen.

All of the hits, except Snider's homer and a double by Jackie Robinson, which fell among three players in the short left, were singles.

The half innings, which lasted nearly an hour, left starting pitcher Chris Van Cuyk in need of a warm-up exercise and so he went to the bull-pen, facing three batters.

The Dodgers, who have been in one of their worst, hitting slumps in recent years, started things off against Cincy, too. Ewell Blackwell, who gave up three hits and two walks before Bud Byerly succeeded him, Byerly was touched for four hits and a walk.

Herman Wehner, the next thrower, needed only three batters but walked one hit and yielded a two-run single to Andy Pafko.

Frank Smith, the fourth pitcher, gave up three more walks, his another batter yielded two more singles before he finally struck out Snider, United Press.

YESTERDAY'S SCORES
American League
Boston . . . 3 0 1
Cleveland . . . 2 7 3
Winning pitcher: Mickey Vernon
Losing pitcher: Bob Lemon
National League
St. Louis . . . 0 1 0
New York . . . 11 0 0
Winning pitcher: Monte Kennedy
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Philadelphia . . . 0 10 1
Winning pitcher: Curt Simmons
Losing pitcher: Bill Hallahan
Cincinnati . . . 7 11 0
Brooklyn . . . 10 1 0
Winning pitcher: Buck Evers
Losing pitcher: Frank Smith
Chicago (first game) . . . 3 9 0
Boston . . . 0 4 1
Winning pitcher: Bob Feller
Losing pitcher: Vern Riffe
Chicago (second game) . . . 0 3 0
Boston . . . 2 7 0
Winning pitcher: Warren Spahn
Losing pitcher: Johnny Klippstein—Associated Press.

FRANCE WINS RUGBY LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL
Paris, May 22.
France beat Britain in a Rugby League international match here this afternoon by 22 points to 12 after leading by 15 points in seven at half-time.

France crossed the British line four times, three of the tries being converted, and played a dropped and a penalty goal.

Col. Llewellyn Wins Irish Army Prize
Lucerne, May 22.
Lieutenant-Colonel Llewellyn, the British Olympic horseman, won the Irish Army Prize at the International Horse Show here today.

Riding his famous "Fountain," he beat a field of 23 with a faultless round in 1 min. 40 sec.

BRITISH DRIVERS DO WELL AT LUXEMBOURG
Luxembourg, May 22.
British drivers and cars allied the first three places in the Luxembourg Grand Prix, for 500 cc, came here today.

The winner was Les Leeson, driving a Leiston Special. Ken Colwell in a Cooper was second, with Peter Collins in a JES third.

Leeson covered the 84.100 kilometres course in 45 mins. 49 sec., at an average speed of 123.080 k.p.h. Colwell was also second, driving a Cooper, and Collins was third.

Leeson's time was 10 sec. faster than the previous record.

FRANCE BEATS BELGIUM 2-1 AT SOCCER
Brussels, May 22.
France beat Belgium in a soccer international at Royal Stadium here today by two goals to one, all the goals being scored in the first half.

Wing forwards accomplished the scoring, Doye on the French left opening on a pass from centre-forward Strappe, who, with Doye, outdressed the home defence for Deladriere on the right, wing to score the second.

Marmans, Belgium's right winger, notched their goal with a surprise shot from 25 yards.

Reuter.

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ARRIVALS FROM

"TAIYUAN"	Mol	In Port
"TAIYUAN"	Australia & Manila	27th May
"CHANGSHA"	Australia & Manila	31st June
"TAIYUAN"	Kobe	13th June

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"BENLOMOND".....	U.K. via B.N. Borneo	22nd July
"BENALBANACH".....	U.K. via Singapore	29th July
"BENAVON".....	U.K. via Singapore	30th July

SAILINGS

		Leading on or about
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"BENVORLICH"	Kure, Yokohama, and Kobe.	10th June
"BENWYVIS"	Havre, Liverpool, Glasgow and Antwerp.	16th June
"BENLOMOND"	Direct to Singapore, thence Avonmouth, Liverpool, Rotterdam and Hull.	9th July
"BENALBANACH"	London, Rotterdam and Hamburg.	11th July
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North Carolina Expected To Back Russell

New York, May 22.

Democrats in the southern State of North Carolina met today to choose the delegates who will cast their 32 votes for the presidential nomination at the Democratic National Convention.

Most delegates are expected to favor Senator Russell of Georgia. But supporters of Senator Kefauver of Tennessee have set up headquarters at the State convention in Raleigh to "plug" Senator Kefauver in case Senator Russell does not win the nomination.

Senator Kefauver has at present more votes than any other Democratic candidate announced but he is still far short of the 610 needed to win the nomination.—Reuter.

Korea Relief Goods

Taipei, May 23.

The second batch of relief goods for Chinese refugees in Korea is to leave Keelung for Pusan tomorrow. The shipment includes 100,000 crates of rice and clothing.—Reuter.

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Import Licensing Policy Criticised In Canberra

Canberra, May 22.

The Opposition leader, Dr Herbert Evatt, initiated a debate in the House of Representatives today attacking the Government's Sterling import licensing policy which was applied on March 8.

Urging a review of the restrictions, Dr Evatt said that the supreme test in the operation of the restrictions was to make the essential character of the goods imported the primary test for entry. No other test was equitable.

He suggested an all-Party parliamentary committee be formed to examine the restrictions and to remove anomalies.

There was need to ensure equal treatment for all goods of the same degree of essentiality.

Dr Evatt, who had earlier said that there was evidence of trafficking in licences, said that the present licensing system invited trafficking because it placed in a specially strong position importers who during 1950-51 had obtained considerable importations.

They were given the right to use percentage allocations although they were heavily overstocked or were financially unable to handle profitably the quotas allocated to them.

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Others on the other hand, might be desperately in need of additional imports to meet competition and therefore, were bound to try to obtain their requirements from those possessing quotas.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. A. W. E. Fadden, replied, said that licensing was necessary to ensure that overseas funds did not go below the level necessary to pay for imports.

It was better, he said, to lose a little prestige now by "dishonouring" a few contracts rather than to lose all prestige later by an inability to honour all contracts.

Australian Food Survey Warning

Melbourne, May 22.

The Australian Primary Producers' Union, which months ago warned the nation that future hunger may be the price of cheap food in the past, has published a survey showing a sharp drop in the production of Australian meat, crops and eggs.

According to the survey: There are fewer than 500,000 people in primary industry to feed a population of 8,500,000.

Crops last year were down 3.79 per cent on the previous year.

There are now only 0.39 cows a head of population compared with 0.46 in 1939.

Mutton production is down 20 per cent, lamb 28 per cent and pig-meats six per cent. Beef and veal alone rose last year but the overall meat position has worsened.

Shell egg production is down 13,000,000 dozen a year.—Reuter.

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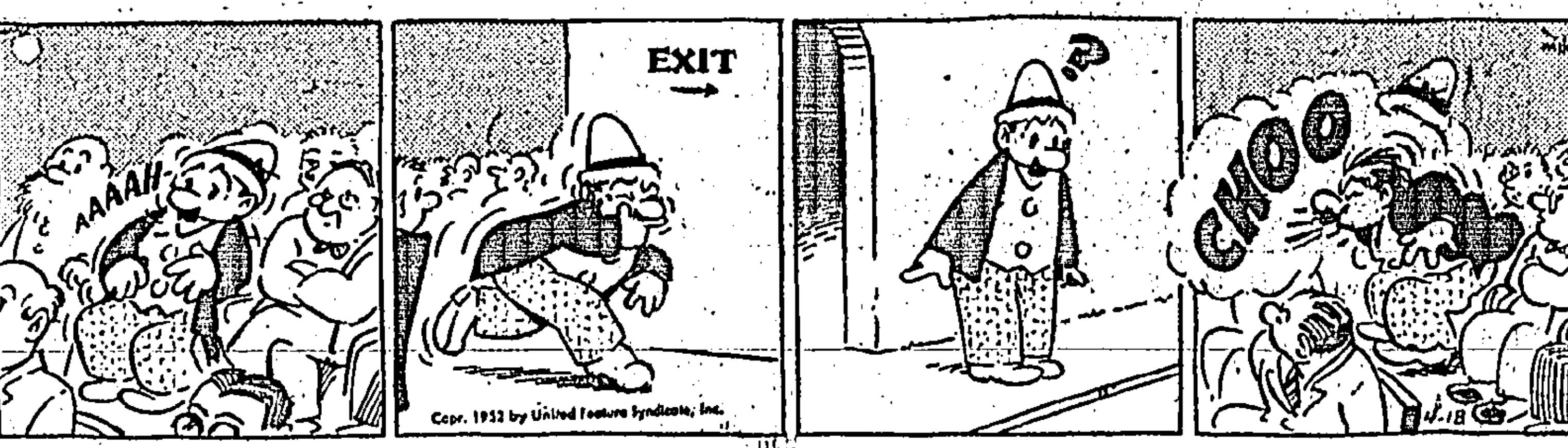
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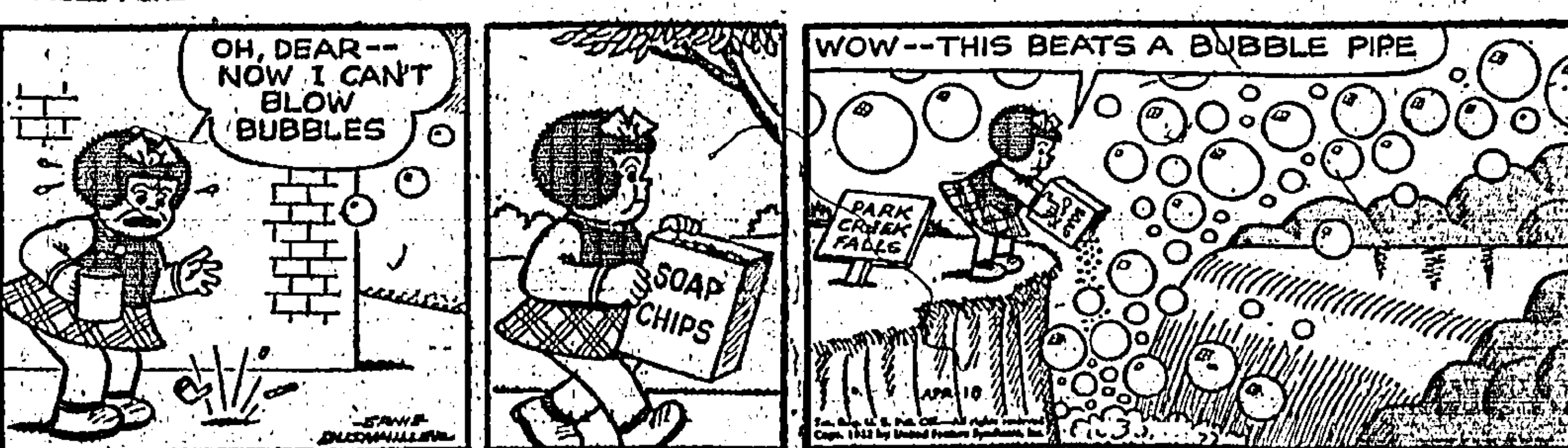
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"CARTHAGE"	1st August	1st September

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"SOMALI"	due 20th May	U.K. & Continent
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"SINGAPORE"	20th May	Strait, Colombo, Aden, Genoa, Marseilles, London & Continent

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	due 27th May	for Japan
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	due 11th June	for Japan

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American Aid For French Steel Plan

Washington, May 22.

The Mutual Security Agency today announced that it had approved the allocation of \$8,474,000 for the Solace Steel Combine, to be used in modernizing and expanding a light flat-rolled steel production plant in North-eastern France.

MSA said this was to be part of a hot strip mill which would annually produce an estimated 800,000 to 1,000,000 tons of products for the rearmament of Western Europe.

It is a project of the Solace Steel Combine, a combination of nine French steel companies. The exact situation of the plant was not mentioned, but the announcement said: "Solace was building a completely integrated steel works, except for blast furnaces, at Hayange and Ebange, a few miles from the Saar and Luxembourg. The plants would employ 3,500 workers."

Earlier, the Economic Cooperation Administration, predecessor of MSA, had allocated \$40,000,000 to this Solace project as part of the Marshall Plan.—United Press.

French Carrier In Singapore

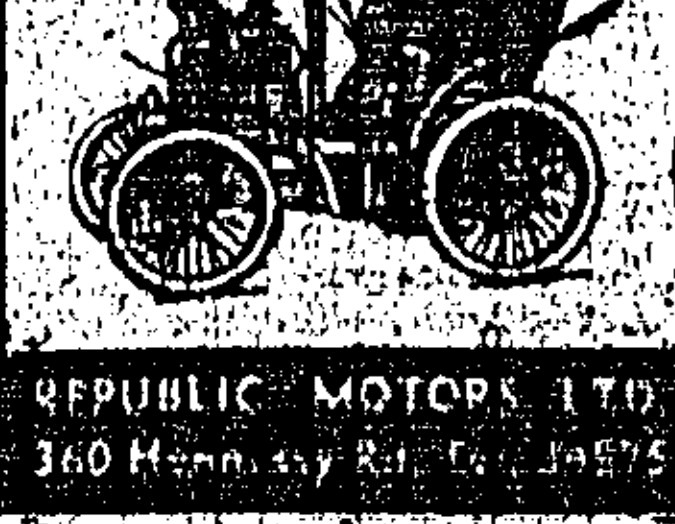
Singapore, May 22.

The French aircraft carrier, Arromanches, on its way back to France after six months' service in Indo-China, arrived in Singapore yesterday.

The carrier was based in the Red River and its 30 aircraft have flown more than 1,500 operational sorties into Indo-China. The Arromanches is accompanied by the supply ship Le Maun. Both ships are leaving today for Marseilles.—Reuter.

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